

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) An isolated polypeptide, comprising ~~an amino acid sequence that is at least 70% identical to a reference amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of~~ the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, ~~amino acid residues 86 to 140 of SEQ ID NO:2, and amino acid residues 213 to 269 of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the isolated polypeptide specifically binds with an antibody that specifically binds with a polypeptide consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.~~

2-19. (canceled)

20. A fusion protein, comprising the polypeptide of ~~claim 4~~ claim 1.

21. (new) The fusion protein of claim 20, further comprising a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of a glutathione S-transferase polypeptide, protein A, a peptide tag, and an immunoglobulin heavy chain constant region.

22. (new) The polypeptide of claim 1, consisting of residues 1 through 269 of SEQ ID NO:2.